

IN THE DRAWINGS

A new sheet of drawings including Fig. 2 is being submitted herewith. Fig. 2 shows schematically an engine compartment lining of the present invention.

Attachment: New Sheet

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Costantino, EP 1069232. Claims 1 to 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Horrocks, U.S. Patent No. 5,645,926. Claims 1 to 4, 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Sumii, U.S. Patent No. 5,217,799. Claims 1 to 4, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over GB 1,054,877. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horrocks in view of an article by Liu, et al.

The specification has been amended and a drawing, Fig. 2, added to show schematically the engine compartment lining described in the present specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 16 to 18 have been added.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102/103**

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the present material is an engine compartment lining cover layer, and not solely a cover layer "for" an engine compartment lining. The present invention is specifically directed to an engine compartment lining cover layer as described at paragraphs [0002] and [0008] for example.

None of the cited references teach or disclose an engine compartment lining, and in fact their uses would not lead one of skill in the art to use or imagine them for use as engine compartment linings. Costantino discloses an artificial leather type textile being made fireproof, Horrocks a charred fiber structure for protective clothing and upholstery, Sumii car interior materials such as the ceiling, and GB 1,054,877 a carded fleece.

There is absolutely no teaching or disclosure in any of the prior art references of an engine compartment lining cover layer, as now positively recited in claim 1.

Withdrawal of the all of the rejections in light of the amendments to claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has also been amended.

New Claims

Claims 16 to 18 recite features of the present invention found for example at [0017].


CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. No fee is believed required. If any fee is required at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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